Reading for Today 2: Insights, 5th Edition

Glossary

Chapter 1

break (n.) a stop or interruption of something constant

class (n.) a meeting between teacher and students for educational purpose

employer (n.) a person, business, or government that employs people

experience (n.) understanding gained through doing something

minute (n.) a moment, brief time period

of course (phrase) used to introduce something as being obvious or expected

plans (v.) a design or program of action to do in the future, a series of steps toward a goal

relax (v.) to stop working and enjoy oneself

schedule (n.) list of timed, planned activities or events

suggestions (n.) the act of suggesting, a proposition or an idea for consideration

test (n.) an examination or quiz to measure knowledge or ability

time (n.) a moment or opportunity weekend (n.) Saturday and Sunday

Chapter 2

advantage (n.) having greater ability or strength than someone else, to be in a better

position

application form (n.) a document with blanks for information to be written in as for

consideration for something

apply (v.) to request or seek admission or assistanceassignment (n.) a task, duty, or other obligation given to

essay (n.) a short, written work on a topic presented as the author's opinion

in addition (phrase) as an extra person, thing, or circumstance

letter of (n.) a document written by someone as a reference to infer upon that person's

recommendation abilities and competencies

SAT (n.) "Scholastic Assessment Test"; an American test of students' academic skills

used for admission to many US universities

simple (adj.) without many details, not complex

stressful (adj.) causing worry and tension

successful (adj.) to be accomplished or have reached a goal

TOEFL (n.) Test of English as a Foreign Language; a standardized English language

exam to test non-native speakers wishing to enrol in American universities

transcript (n.) an official record of student work including courses and grades

video application (n.) a type of application in which the applicant records themselves on camera

Chapter 3

both (adj.) of two things or people

close (adj.) very friendly

coincidence (n.) the happening of two or more events at the same time by chance

concentrate (v.) to think hard about

curious (adj.) interested in knowing about things

environment (n.) a set of social or physical conditions that affect people

identical (adj.) exactly alike uncertain (adj.) doubtful, unsure

Chapter 4

confuse (v.) to mix things up

in contrast (phrase) in opposition to

in fact (phrase) used to emphasize the truth of a statement, usually in contradiction to what

might have been assumed

in order to (phrase) as a means to achieve something else

not

surprisingly

prevent (v.) to stop from happening

(v.) to propose something to do or to offer an idea for consideration suggest

(phrase/adv.) without causing wonder; as anticipated

unfortunately (adv.) not lucky

Chapter 5

(v.) build or erect construct

do/does

(v.) complete assignments given by a teacher or professor for a class homework

do/does

(v.) carefully study something to find and report knowledge on it research

dormitory (n.) a college or university building where studetns live

former (adj.) previous, past

have/has fun (v.) engage in activities that are entertaining

have/has

knowledge

(v.) familiarity and understanding of something

location

(n.) the place where something is located

make/makes

dinner

(v.) prepare a meal to eat in the evening

make/makes

plans

(v.) schedule events or responsibilities ahead of time

research

(v.) to investigate

skill

(n.) an ability to do something well because of practice, talent, or special training

vacation

(n.) a time period away from work or one's regular activities, a holiday

volunteer

(n.) to agree to do something of one's own free will rather than by necessity

Chapter 6

aloud

(adv.) out loud, spoken

effective

(adj.) having the result that one wants, productive

for instance

(phrase) as an example

improve with (verb phrase) to get better at something as result of an influencing factor

instead

(adv.) in place of, rather than

listen to powerful (v.) give attention to a sound

(adj.) having a lot of influence; strong or effective

return to

(v.) go back to a place or person

self-

confidence

(n.) belief in one's abilities, self-esteem

spend time

with

(verb phrase) accompany another for a while

stressful

(adj.) causing worry and tension

take care of

(v.) keep something/someone safe

therapy

(n.) treatment of mental and physical illnesses and disorders

think of

(v.) keep in mind for consideration

Chapter 7

amazed

(adj.) favorably impressed

announced

(v.) made public, declared, formally communicated

assemble

(v.) to put together, make

design

(v.) a picture or layout to show how something will be made

equipped (adj.) to be outfitted with equipment or skills, either mentally or physically

recognize (v.) recall, remember someone or something when one sees or hears that person or

thing

replace (v.) to get something new to take the place of something old or broken

senior citizens (n.) an old person, someone usually over 60 years old

Chapter 8

amazing (adj.) favorably impressing

clearly (adv.) without being blocked or blurred

connected (v.) related, link

device (n.) an electrical or mechanical machine

eventually (adv.) in the end, especially after a series of problems

replacement (n.) something that takes the place of another

serious (adj.) thoughtful and quiet, humorless

weak (adj.) not physically strong

Chapter 9

all the same (phrase) anyway, nevertheless

amaze (v.) to favorably impress

award (n.) a prize, honor, praise given to someone for outstanding performance

disturb (v.) to interrupt, to worry or upset

field (n.) an area of activity, interest, or study

fortune (n.) wealth, riches

mistake (n.) an error

moreover (adv.) in addition

unfair (adj.) not fair or just to those concerned

unhappily (adv.) not happily

unpopular (adj.) not liked, not popular

unsafe (adj.) dangerous

unusual (adj.) peculiar, not normal

Chapter 10

elements (n.) substancess that can't be broken down any further and are primary

constituents of matter

exposure (n.) open experience to contact with something

in spite of (phrase) without being affected by a mentioned factor

interruptions (n.) something that breaks the continuity of a process or condition

once (conjunction) as soon as; when

over the

years (phrase) in the course of the years past

perseverance (n.) doing something despite difficultytragic (adj.) characterized by extreme sorrow

Chapter 11

adequate (adj.) enough, sufficientas well as (phrase) in addition

fuel (n.) material that is burned to produce heat or power

impure (adj.) mixed with something usually bad, dirty, or contaminatednext to (phrase) alongside, in a position immediately to the side of

process (n.) a general methods of doing something

substance (n.) material, matter, stuff, anything one can touch

synthetic (adj.) artificial, man-made

Chapter 12

as a result (phrase) correspondingly, as a consequence calculate (v.) to add up, evaultate, assess, work out

locate (v.) to find the location of

predict (v.) to say what will happen in the future

requirement (n.) a necessity, something needed

statistics (n.) the collection and study of numberical information

surface (n.) the outside layer of an object

survive (v.) to continue to live or exist; to outlast adversity or a threat to existence